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Application of: Christopher C. Wulforst, et al.

Serial Number: 09/040,744

Filed: August 28, 2001

Title: Animal Bed

Group Art Unit: 3643

Examiner: Olszewski, Joan M.

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This reply is in response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002.

Claims 1-14 remain as rejected.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend Claims 1 and 14 as shown below. A version with markings to show changes made is attached.

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Claim 1 (Amended) An animal bed encasing for enclosing cushioning core, the encasing comprising an enclosure having:

a top surface and a bottom surface;

a face textile with an exterior surface and an interior surface;